



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR MARCH 11, 2008**

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2008
TIME: 5:03 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ben Ulrey, Angela Sterling-Vick, Lamont Carter, Bhaani Singh, Anjuli Sastry, Ilya Pinsky, Vice-Chair Vincent Morgado;
(Hannah Bowman, Jordan Flores, Priscilla Szeto – Late)

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Blackman

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 26, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Bowman / Sastry** **(Unanimously approved)**

“That the Minutes of February 26, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

Commissioners Carter and Singh discussed their attendance at YAC Attack Conference which was held on Saturday, March 8 in San Mateo. Both noted that sessions were informative and educational. Commissioner Singh stated that other YAC's had shirts/sweatshirts to help build teamwork and visibility. Commissioner Singh asked about the lack of knowledge about fellow commissioners and the possibility of planning some type of social outings.

(RS) Russi stated that John Knoxwhite, Transportation Commission Chair, would like input from the Youth Advisory Commission regarding the youth fee increases that are proposed for AC Transit. More information to follow. Several Commissioners expressed interest to be involved. Vice Chair Morgado and Commissioner Sastry agreed to contact John Knoxwhite and find out how the Youth Advisory Commission can get involved and take action.

(RS) Russi stated in light of recent budget concerns by the City of Alameda and the Alameda Unified School District the possibility of conducting a needs survey specifically for teens to gather input to

help guide the City. After some discussion, Chair Ulrey requested that the item be put on the next agenda for additional discussion and possible action.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Role of Youth Commission

(RS) Russi stated that the Youth Advisory Commission was designed to advise the Mayor and City Council on how the City can address the needs of youth in Alameda. YAC was not appointed to handle budget problems of the AUSD. YAC is not an activity based group, but an Advisory Board to the City.

Commissioner Carter made a motion about having a meeting with leadership and student body officers from the various high schools to discuss how to deal with the AUSD budget crisis and in what capacity. Commissioner Pinsky stated that meetings already occurred and that it would be overkill due to other organizations planning strategies to deal with the crisis. He stated that all information and plans can be accessed at Alamedaschools.org website. Many Commissioners had questions and concerns about the AUSD crisis. Commissioner Szeto reiterated that a meeting had already taken place and plans were in motion for students to organize and march in Sacramento.

M/S/D Carter / Morgado (Not Approved)

“That a meeting could be scheduled with leadership groups from the High Schools and the commission to discuss current AUSD financial crisis and budget cuts.”

Approved: Carter

Not Approved: Ulrey, Morgado, Sterling-Vick, Singh, Flores, Pinsky, Szeto, Bowman, Sastry

B. Meeting of March 25th, during Spring Break.

Discussion was held on whether or not to cancel next scheduled meeting for March 25th.

M/S/C Carter / Flores (Approved)

“That the meeting scheduled for March 25th is cancelled.”

Approved: Ulrey, Szeto, Bowman, Flores, Carter, Singh, Sterling-Vick, Sastry

Disapproved: Morgado, Pinsky

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. By-Laws Review

The Commission continued discussion and review pertinent section of the By-laws.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Commissioner Sterling-Vick invited the Youth Commissioners to attend the Hip-Hop Forum on March 15th, from 12-4 pm at SMAAC, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 8, 2008; 5:00 PM

9. Adjournment

6:26 p.m.